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Weekly wrap-up

President approves governor's Lake Co. disaster request

Nov. 30, 2007- The President of the United States has approved Governor Daniels' request for federal assistance to homeowners, renters and businesses affected by storms that struck Northwest Indiana from August 15 to 27.

The President sent a letter to the governor directing that Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) begin Individual Assistance for Lake County residents, including grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

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Governor Daniels receives award for child welfare reform

Nov. 27, 2007- The Annie E. Casey Foundation honored Governor Mitch Daniels for the state's progress in child welfare reform at a special ceremony in downtown Indianapolis. The Casey Foundation recognized Daniels' unwavering commitment to Indiana's children and families.

"Indiana has embraced the most sophisticated, state-of-the-art policies and practices, and made an investment in the futures of Indiana's vulnerable children and families," said Tracey Field, Director of Consulting Engagements at the Casey Foundation. "Indiana is beginning to emerge as a national leader in helping to safeguard children, and assure children can grow and thrive in loving, permanent families."

In January 2005, the turnaround of Indiana's child welfare system began when, on his second day as governor, Daniels established the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) to protect children and strengthen families through services that focus on family support and preservation. The department administers child support, child protection, adoption and foster care throughout the state. The mission of DCS is to protect children from abuse and neglect by partnering with families and communities to provide safe, nurturing, and stable homes.

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Nov. 27, 2007- Governor Daniels made remarks after being honored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation for Indiana's progress in child welfare reform.

Orthopedics firm to locate operations in Plymouth

Nov. 26, 2007- CSpine Inc., an orthopedics development and consulting group, announced it will locate its new research and development and prototype manufacturing operation in Plymouth, creating up to 49 new jobs and investing more than \$3 million by 2012.

"Northern Indiana is becoming a destination of choice for the orthopedics industry," said Governor Mitch Daniels. "CSpine has the potential for exciting and rapid growth and is a prime example of a technology-based, high-growth business that will help advance and diversify our economy."

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